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Retail Price Less than Wholesale

Egg War Benefits Consumer

Housewives are reaping the benefit of an egg price war in the Victoria area which culminated yesterday in the extraordinary situation of eggs selling cheaper at the retail than the wholesale level.

One large retailer offered two dozen eggs in cartons for 89 cents (44½ cents a dozen). This compared with the ruling wholesale price of 47 cents plus two cents for cartons.

In a quick reply the wholesalers cut their prices on all grades of eggs by two cents a dozen, thus reducing their mark-up from the producer level to 10 cents a dozen.

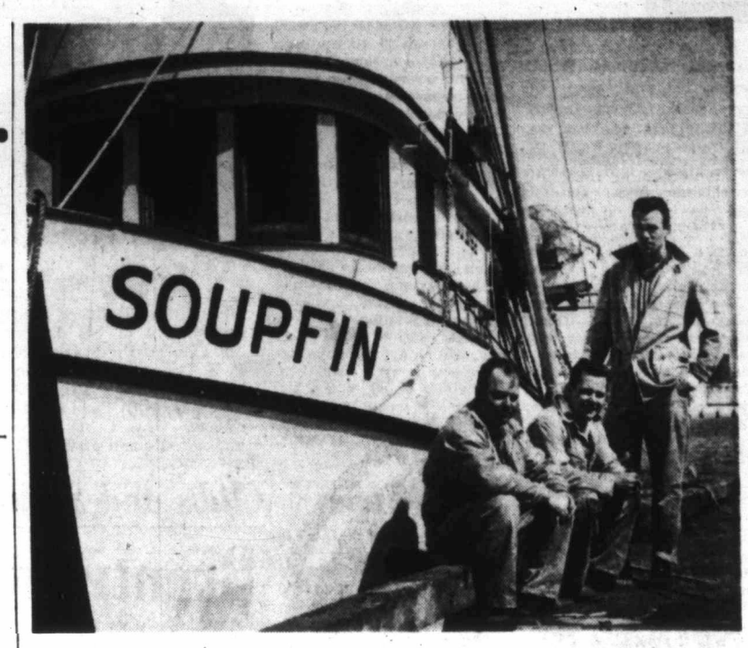
Even at the new level, the careful housewife can still buy eggs at under the wholesale price.

The egg war involves all participants in the egg industry.

While producer levels are still holding firm, many producers who sell direct to the public are taking much less than the recognized wholesale mark-up. The result is that they are under-cutting the city store prices.

Major stores are retaliating by dropping their own prices to below the level at which they can buy the eggs in open wholesale market.

"We don't know where it will all end," said one harassed egg merchant. "But meantime the consumer is the only one who is profiting from the chaos."



Ready to Reap Halibut Harvest

Ready to sail for rich halibut fishing grounds north of Vancouver Island are local fishermen, from left, James Quinn, Kenneth Quinn and Peter Zozula. Halibut fishery is one of sea's toughest operations. Men must contend with open sea, struggling fish and fatigue. Work-day often is 20 hours. Victoria's only home-based halibut boat, Soupfin sails Friday for Prince Rupert and May 1 season opening.—(Colonist photo)

Bridge Fixed, Traffic Normal

Traffic between Esquimalt, Victoria West and Victoria was back to normal yesterday, with repairs to the Johnson Street bridge completed and the span back in service.

Damaged April 3 by the hulk of a tug under tow, the bridge was closed for more than two weeks.

Students Shatter Oak Bay's Peace

Road 'Glorified Drag Strip' Irate Residents Complain

Oak Bay residents last night described how high school students in cars daily turn a quiet residential street "into a glorified parking lot and drag strip."

The delegation of Armstrong Avenue residents demanded Greater Victoria school board provide a parking lot for student cars on nearby Oak Bay High School property.

One woman said 14 small children living on the street are in "constant danger" from cars drivin by students.

"These students drive down the street at any speed, with squealing tires, horns blowing and radios blaring," said Mrs. H. L. Woolison, 1743 Armstrong.

"They have no respect at all for the residents. We are subjected daily to the noise and the bad language of the students—not all, but enough to make our lives miserable."

Board members replied that their hands were tied, because regulations governing school boards do not cover construction of parking lots for student cars.

Problem for Community

"The school board should come up to date and realize that it has a responsibility to provide parking for students as well as teachers," said A. C. Smith, 1766 Armstrong.

Board chairman Mrs. W. W. McGill told the delegation the matter of student parking at high schools throughout the area is under "intensive consideration," but she added the board wasn't prepared to make a statement at this time.

Trustee Richard Reeve said the problem wasn't strictly one for the board—but a community problem.

"I share with you criticism of parents who permit use of automobiles by youngsters going to school," he told the delegation.

"Many of these kids have their own automobiles in which they ride virtually three blocks to school.

"The parents are being far from kind to the youngsters in permitting this . . . and it's defeating all the good aims of our schools."

Mr. Reeve said a recent editorial in the local press drew attention to a survey which linked bad marks with youngsters who drove their own cars to school.

Garbage Litters Streets

The delegation also complained that students at lunch littered the streets with "garbage" including skins of bananas and oranges, and their parked cars made access impossible to the only fire hydrant, located at the end of the dead-end street.

Trustee Kenneth Leeming said the behavior of drivers in cars was a police matter—and "if the police won't act then it's not our problem."

Similarly, said Mr. Leeming, blocking off the fire hydrant was a matter for action by the Oak Bay fire department, and it was the responsibility of the school principal to discipline students caught tossing litter out of cars.

District school superintendent John Gough said in defence of the principal: "He cannot control the bringing of cars to school. He can't forbid the use of cars at noontime. And he's looking for a solution to this problem as hard as anyone."

No Misbehavior Complaints

Trustee W. C. Gelling said he questioned Oak Bay Police Chief Robert Smith "very particularly on this matter, and he assured me there had not been one official complaint of student misbehavior in cars."

He added it was "impossible" to call Armstrong a drag strip — "you would need at least a quarter-mile-long street."

"You come out and sit down with us any school day for about an hour after 11.40 in the morning," retorted J. Lyle Wilson, 1757 Armstrong.

Mr. Wilson said residents had requested one-hour parking on the street and "the school board can help us by telling Oak Bay council you recommend it be done."

Board members endorsed this proposal and Mr. Wilson said "I think that will be the temporary answer to the problem."

Trustee A. H. Wilson had the last word: "The problem is one for the parents. I can't see the justification for 90 percent of those who do take their cars to school. If I could, I would say let the board get on with the job of providing student parking."

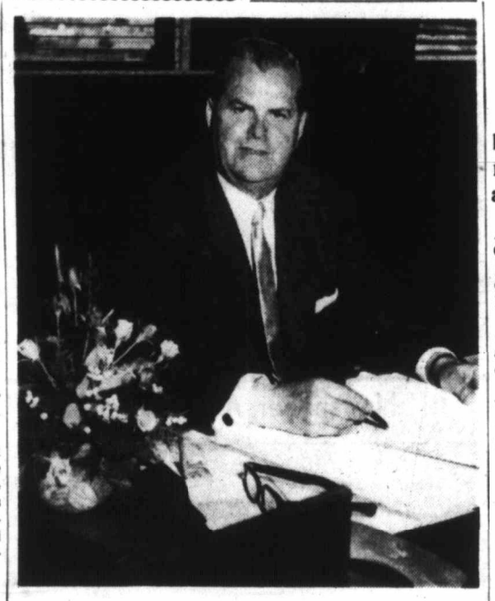
The board is continuing its study of student parking problems.

Employees To Ponder Wage Hike

A conciliation board's recommendation of a 19-cents-an-hour wage increase for the city's outside workers is expected to be considered tonight by their union, the City Employees' Protective Association.

City council will consider the recommendation Thursday.

The board's findings are not binding on the city nor the union in this case, and rejection by either or both parties could lead to further negotiation, arbitration if both agreed to it, or, if the worst developed, a strike.



Back on the Job

Tying into a deskload of work with renewed energy, Premier Bennett is back on the job at the legislative buildings after a holiday in Hawaii.—(Colonist photo)

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Big Bingo Sellout Certain

Another sellout appears certain for the Kinsmen Giant Bingo to be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Memorial Arena.

Kinsman Jack Phillion reported yesterday that already 6,500 of the 7,753 seats have been sold. This is the heaviest advance sale in the history of the event.

"The dream trip for two to any city in North America, applications for which had to be entered by Saturday, is probably responsible," he said.

'Whole Pacific Sphere'

Wider Outlook Provincial Need

Fresh from Hawaii, a buoyant Premier Bennett yesterday declared that "part of new B.C. government attitude is that B.C. must more and more take an interest in the whole Pacific sphere, including Australia and New Zealand within the Commonwealth."

"Our government is very much for the Commonwealth, but we feel there should be closer co-operation between Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific states of Washington, Oregon and California," he said.

He said the province will seek official goodwill meetings with Alaska and with Hawaii once it becomes an official state. "B.C. views the new states with importance," he said.

"We are in a rising period of development now and business will improve. The upward swing will gain momentum in this year and 1960," he said.

Victoria Outshines Hawaii

Back at this desk after a two-week Hawaiian holiday, Premier Bennett said Hawaii doesn't rival the beauty of our capital city of Victoria.

"The only reason I left this beautiful province was to get a complete change . . . to get away from discussions . . . to put me in a better humor for the business of this province," the premier said.

Socreds Split On Election

Provincial government feeling is 50-50 split between a decision to hold a general provincial election in 1960 or 1961, Premier Bennett said yesterday.

Good Map Released

A particularly interesting map showing details of streets and terrain of southern Vancouver Island from Point No Point to the San Juan Islands and Race Rocks to Ladysmith and including all the Gulf Islands was released by the department of lands and forests yesterday.

Copies may be obtained from the geographic division, department of lands and forests, 553 Superior Street, room 108, at 25 cents plus one cent tax.

Wicks 'Brilliant' Bennett Believes

Premier Bennet charged yesterday that "a lot of labor leaders underestimate the ability of Labor Minister Lyle Wicks . . . a brilliant man."

The premier said a lot of thought, over many months, went into the new labor legislation.

"A month has gone by . . . nobody has been hurt . . . this labor legislation was developed for the labor man himself," he said.

"As labor leaders study it . . . see it in operation . . . they will become more and more in favor," he claimed.

"We are the middle of the road government . . . We represent all economic groups . . . We are a straight middle of the road government."

Premier Wants BCPC To Develop River

Premier Bennett yesterday made it definite the B.C. Power Commission will develop the Columbia River.

"Unfortunately the timing is not ours, but my leaning is strongly to the B.C. Power Commission," he said.

He added there were still lots of problems to be solved regarding the Columbia. "B.C. just wants fair treatment. We stand 100 per cent for co-operation," he said in explaining negotiations for the Columbia are between federal and U.S. governments.

Jaycees Plan Funds Return

Junior Chamber of Commerce last night announced the manner in which it will return contributions in the unsuccessful drive to build a second ice rink in the city.

President Ray Rawnsley said that all pledges will be destroyed, all cheques will be refunded, all cash donations $2 and over will be refunded by mail and cash donations under $2 will be available at a pick-up place.

Proceeds of the Ice-Arama will remain in the "ice surface trust fund" until the trustees decide on its disposition.

"The poor response to the canvass clearly indicated there were not sufficient people interested to help us realize our goal," said Mr. Rawnsley. If the city or neighboring municipalities had been able to offer backing "we feel that a more encouraging canvass would have resulted."

Around the Island

Murder Hearing Remanded a Week

CAMPBELL RIVER — Ernest James Keen, a 47-year-old logger, was yesterday remanded to April 27 when he was charged in Campbell River police court with murder.

Keen was arrested following the fatal stabbing of Frank Wilson, whose body was found Friday in an isolated cabin on Redondo Island, 60 miles northeast of Campbell River.

Magistrate R. L. Haig-Brown remanded Keen for a week and ordered him transferred to Oakalla prison farm in the meantime. He will be brought back to Campbell River when the preliminary hearing begins.

Arthur McCulloch of Alberni appeared for the Crown; Angelo Branca represented Keen.

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NANAIMO — Seventeen-year-old Patty Raynor was crowned Miss Nanaimo for 1959 Saturday by last year's winner, Nancy Chataway.

Patty, a resident of Cedar, won out over eight other contestants.

The panel of three judges chose 18-year-old Irene Diedrickson as first princess and Pat Donovan, second princess.

The perpetual Miss Nanaimo trophy was presented to Patty by master of ceremonies Vic Fergie. Other contestants in the contest were: Connie Reid, Betty Negrey, Marlena Rickley, Gwen Bestwick, Carol Shewfelt and Wanda Cassie.

The contest was sponsored by Nu Phi Mu Sorority group.

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PENDER ISLAND—Returns of the voting on the Pender Islands to decide the location for the proposed end-loading ferry slip, resulted in 150 ballots cast for Grimmer Bay (near Port Washington), 103 for Clam Bay (on Navy Channel), and one spoiled ballot.

Ballot boxes were unlocked by the president of the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce, L. J. Armstrong, and the count tabulated by council members.

Residents now look to the government to take steps toward an early start on construction of the ferry slip, which has been held up a year and a half over the location issue.

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Annual field day of B.C. Purebred Sheepbreeders' Association will be held at Graylands Farm, Duncan, on Saturday, May 2.

Proceedings will open at 10.30 a.m. with Cowichan Agricultural Grass Land Day, followed by lunch at noon, with the sheep field day starting at one.

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NANAIMO — A cancer forum will be held in the Canadian Legion Hall Thursday starting at 7.30 p.m. The Nanaimo Cancer Society hopes to see $5,000 raised.

Panelists at the forum will be Dr. J. R. Howey, Dr. Paul Gawthrop, and Dr. Larry Giovando from Nanaimo, and Dr. Frederick Sturrock, Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

ALBERNI — Three men injured in an accident on Johnston Street Saturday night are reported in satisfactory condition in West Coast General Hospital.

The accident occurred near midnight when a vehicle driven by Heinz Struck, Port Alberni, in the 1000 block, apparently struck an occupied parked car then careened into the path of another vehicle.

Struck, Grocondo Guiriato, driver of the second car, and Romano Parolin, a passenger in Guiriato's vehicle, were admitted to hospital. Arnold Paupst, driver of the third car, escaped injury. Two girls involved in the accident were treated and dismissed. Struck, who received facial lacerations and head injuries, was apparently the most seriously injured.

His car and that of Guiriato were both almost completely demolished in the crash while damages to Paupst's car were estimated at $300.

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ALBERNI — Zone commander William Clarke officiated when the travelling gavel was turned over to Branch 169 Somass Legion at a special meeting attended by representatives of many upper Vancouver Island branches.

President Bob Toogood of the newly organized Mt. Benson branch, Nanaimo, delivered the zone's travelling gavel which was handed to Somass branch president Joseph Cates by Mr. Clarke.

During the ceremonies which followed a well-attended dinner meeting, Mr. Cates presented 25-year pins to Marshall Crossland, Alec Coulter and Charles Chapman of Branch 169. He announced that a fourth pin will be presented to William Ginniver.

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CROFTON—Fire Chief Thomas Hall, who has led Crofton's fire brigade since 1947, has resigned from the post.

Deputy chief Robert Vye is acting as chief until North Cowichan council makes a definite appointment to fill the vacancy.

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NANAIMO—A retired Boston, Mass. physician Dr. Thomas C. Cosgrove, became B.C. Toastmasters' champion orator Saturday.

Dr. Cosgrove now a member of the Nanaimo Toastmasters' Club received stiff competition from Robert Jupe of Victoria, who placed a close second. The doctor now competes against three other district winners from Washington, Oregon and Idaho, in the zone conference competition to be held at Portland Ore., June 27.

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CAMPBELL RIVER — Logger Stanley Cox, an employee of Elk River Timber Co. suffered back injuries yesterday when he fell from a log on a company operation here.

His condition was described as good last night by an official of Campbell River General Hospital.

GANGES — Taxes in Salt Spring school district will go up 3.54 mills this year to 15 mills, according to the budget received recently.

Total budget is $210,472. Government grants to the district total $96,005.

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NANAIMO—Mrs. Robert Creight, Local Council of Women president, announced the following committee chairmen for 1959: Mrs. Elsie Hacking, health convener; Mrs. Heath, international affairs; Mrs. W. E. Ricker, education; Mrs. Armand St. Jean, arts and letters; Mrs. Isobel Lamperson, unemployment, and Mrs. A. B. Hall, housing.

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NANAIMO—Upper Vancouver Island Musical Festival concluded in Nanaimo Saturday night. It lasted for five days. Final list of results, in which the Adeline Duncan Dancers of Victoria were stand-outs, follow:

Saturday evening.

Open group, over 15—Adeline Duncan, Dancers, Victoria, 95; Mary Isdale Dancers, Vancouver, 90.

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Solo tap dancing, over 15—Dorothy Wavrecan, 80; Vivian Calverley, 79.

Pas Deux, under 15 — Barbara and Glenda Storey, Port Alberni, 82; Margaret Knight and Angus MacKenzie, Victoria, 80.

Group tap dancing, open—Betty Tufts School of Dance, Port Alberni, 96.

Solo dance interpretive or character, over 15—Arlene Atkinson, Victoria; Kathleen Meyers, Port Alberni, tie, 84; Lynne Williams, Victoria, 82.

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DUNCAN—Election of officers will be held at next general meeting of Duncan Kinsmen Club starting at 6.30 p.m., Thursday.

NANAIMO (CP) — Joanne Morgan of Nanaimo is the youngest contestant in the upper-island music festival to receive a bursary.

The five-year-old tap dancer, though not a winner in her class for nine-year-olds, was judged to be the dancing competitor with most potential talent. She was awarded the Madge Grey bursary.

Nearly 3,000 entries were attracted to the five-day festival.

Nanaimo was top in the dancing, carying off 10 first places, followed closely by Port Alberni.

Popular winner of the Nanaimo Lions Club bursary for the outstanding competitor in folk dancing classes was Angus MacKenzie of Victoria.

Angus, 13, was the Vancouver Island folk dancing champion for under 13 years last year.

Louise Mary Roberts, Victoria, won the Nanaimo Soroptomist Club bursary.

Highest number of points given to a group went to the Delaine Duncan dancers of Victoria with 95 points.